The synopsis:

‘Celebrating Our Hobby’ as an exhibit is meant to be a light-hearted look at how our hobby of stamp collecting celebrates its events. These are primarily stamp exhibitions. Included in the exhibit are cinderella (or label) issues, souvenir covers, post cards, souvenir sheets and special issue stamps all relating to or promoting a stamp exhibition of some sort somewhere.

The exhibit is not meant to be either comprehensive or complete. To do the former would mean focusing on a specific exhibition and all of the items relating to that exhibition over the years (e.g. Royal XXXX Royale) at the expense of some rather novel and unique items issued for other exhibitions. To do the latter would likely involve filling scores upon scores of frames for the amount of material relating to stamp events is huge and has grown exponentially since about 1980. Since 1980 many countries have had issues, usually souvenir sheets for every international exhibition that they have participated in and this does not include covers, cancels and cinderella issues all related to those same exhibitions.

Since this exhibit was started, items have been added and removed and the evolution will continue until the exhibit is safely ensconced in a show’s frame. After this show more changes will take place until it is shown again. It is the fun of looking at our hobby as a celebration that drives the exhibit. After all, every time collectors get together for an exhibition, it is a time to celebrate our hobby and a time to find a memento as a souvenir of the good times we had.

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